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SUMMARY: GREEK DELEGATION VISITED MR. PATERAS DCS SITE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT RESULT. IN OCTOBER 3 MEETING GREEKS SOUGHT MODIFICATION IN US TRAINING PROPOSAL, BASIC THRUST OF WHICH MET THEIR NEEDS. GREEKS IDENTIFIED SPECIFIC LINKS IN DCS NETWORK ON WHICH THEY SEEK USE OF AS MUCH CAPACITY AS AVAILABLE. PROBES ON HELLENIZATION AND JOINT USE OF NON-DCS FACILITIES AT IRAKLION WERE

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DEFLECTED WITH COMMENT THAT THEY WERE MORE APPROPRIATELY

ADDRESSED IN OTHER FORA. CERTAIN USE OF AVAILABLE DCS
CAPACITY WILL BE PORPOSED IN NEXT MEETING. END SUMMARY

1. ON 2 OCTOBER GREEK CONTINGENT COMPOSED OF COL.-SPIROU,
COL. VINYOS, AND LT. COL. MYGDALIS VISITED THE DCS
FACILITY AT MR. PATERAS. AFTER THE BASE OVERVIEW BRIEF-
ING, THE GREEKS TOURED ALL ACTIVITIES. THEY ASKED SEVERAL
QUESTIONS DURING THE TOUR--INCLUDING ON TWO SEPARATE
OCCASIONS QUESTIONS ON THE CHANNEL CAPACITY OF THE
DCS486L SYSTEM. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE SYSTEM CAPABILITY
IS 120 CHANNELS AND THAT THE INSTALLED CAPACITY IS 72
CHANNELS.

2. IN 3 OCTOBER MEETING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBGROUP,
THE US SIDE REVIEWED BRIEFLY THE RESULTS OF APRIL 1975
SUBGROUP MEETINGS AND PUT FORTH THE INITIAL PROPOSAL ON
TRAINING OF GREEK PERSONNEL AT DCS SITES. THE GREEK SIDE
REACTED POSITIVELY TO THE PROPOSAL BUT SUGGESTED THAT
FOLLOWING TRAINING OF TEN PERSONNEL AT
MT. EDHERI IN FIRST OF THREE ANNUAL CYCLES, OTHER CYCLES
COMPRISE TRAININNG OF TWO-THREE GREEK PERSONNEL AT EACH
OF THREE AREAS WHERE US AND GREEK SITES ARE COLLOCATED
OR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY: MT. HORTIATIS, LEVKAS AND MT.
PARNIS. THIS WOULD FACILITATE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL AT
LOCATIONS NEARER THEIR HOME STATIONS. TRAINING AT THESE
SITES WOULD BE PATTERNED AFTER THE DOD PROPOSAL AND
WOULD BE LIMITED TO THE US EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL
AVAILABLE AT EACH SITE.

3. CONCERNING POTENTIAL JOINT USE OF US DCS SITES, THE
US SIDE STRESSED THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF SPARE CHAN-
NELS (SURGE CAPABILITY) ON THE DCS IN GREECE. GREEK SIDE
ACKNOWLEDGED THIS LIMITATION BUT INDICATED A DESIRE FOR
USE OF A TELETYPE (TTY) OR VOICE FREQUENCY (VF) CHANNELS
BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: (A) MT. PARNIS -
IRAKLION; (B) MT. PARNIS - ATHENS; (C) MT. PARNIS - MT.
HORTIATIS; (D) MT. PARNIS - NEA MAKRI.

4. GREEK SIDE OBSERVED THAT US PROPOSAL FOR IRAKLION
ONLY ADDRESSED THE DCS AND INQUIRED ABOUT ABSENCE OF
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PROPOSAL FOR NON-DCS ACTIVITIES. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION,
THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THIS ISSUE WAS BEYOND THE SCOPE
OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBGROUP DELIBERATIONS AND SHOULD
BE ADDRESSED AT A HIGHER LEVEL. THE GREEK DELEGATION
THEN SOUGHT US VIEWS ON HELLENIZATION OF COMMUNICATION
SITES, AND AFTER US EXPLANATION THAT THIS QUESTION TRANS-
CENDED DCS COMMUNICATION SITES THE TWO SIDES AGREED
THAT SINCE IT WAS A PROBLEM COMMON TO ALL US FACILITIES

IN GREECE, IT SHOULD ALSO BE ADDRESSED OUTSIDE THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBGROUP. PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING, THE GREEK SIDE AGAIN STRESSED THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH TO LIMIT US USE OF THE DCS BUT RATHER TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBLE AREAS OF JOINT USAGE WITHIN EXISTING CAPACITY.

5. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT HELLENIC ASPIRATION FOR SHARING OF THE DCS MIGHT BE SATISFIED BY ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES OF ACTION:

A. TRAINING: (1) PROVIDE TRAINING INDICATED IN JCS PROPOSAL FOR FIRST CYCLE, AND, IN ADDITION; (WL EXPAND THE OJT PROGRAM

TO INCLUDE THE TRAINING OF THREE ADDITIONAL GREEK PERSONNEL IN THE SECOND AND THIRD ANNUAL TRAINING CYCLES AT MT. PARNIS, MT. HORTIATIS AND LEVKAS. THE LENGTH OF THE COURSE AS WELL AS ITS FREQUENCY WOULD PARALLEL THE JCS PROPOSAL AND PERFORCE BE LIMITED TO THE TECHNICAL AREAS OF TROPOSPHERIC SCATTER RADIO, MICROWAVE RADIO AND MULTIPLEXING EQUIPMENT; (3) THE TRAINING PROPOSALS OUTLINED ABOVE HAVE BEEN COORDINATED LOCALLY AND NO MAJOR PROBLEMS WERE IDENTIFIED.

B. CIRCUITS: THE PROPOSALS PUT FORTH BY THE GREEKS DO NOT PERMIT A LOGICAL TRANSITION INTO THE PREVIOUSLY DEFINED FALLBACK POSITIONS CONTAINED IN DOD NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS. GREEK REQUIREMENTS COULD BE SATISFIED WITHOUT RESORTING TO A TIME-CONSUMING AND COSTLY OVERBUILD OF OUR SOMEWHAT OUTDATED 486L DCS. SPECIFICALLY WE INTEND TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING JOINT USE OF THE DCS:

(1) MT. PARNIS-IRAKLION: THE SURGE CAPACITY OF THIS SYSTEM IS 2VF AND 9 TTY CHANNELS. REALIZING THAT GREEK MILITARY HAVE NO MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
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SERVICING THE IRAKLION AREA, WE INTEND TO OFFER ONE VF CHANNEL BETWEEN THESE TWO LOCATIONS; (2) MT. PARNIS - ATHENS: THERE IS CURRENTLY ONE SPARE VF CHANNEL ON THIS SYSTEM. HOWEVER, WE COULD SATISFY ADDITIONAL US DEMANDS BY ROUTING ATHENS - MT. PATERAS - MT. PARNIS. AS A RESULT, WE INTEND TO OFFER ONE VF CHANNEL ON THIS SYSTEM; (3) MT. PARNIS - MT. HORTIATIS: THIS SYSTEM SERVES THREE ARTILLERY UNITS IN NORTHERN GREECE (YIANNITSA; ARGYROUPOLIS AND PERIVOLAKE). ALL CURRENT REQUIREMENTS TO THESE UNITS HAVE BEEN SATISFIED AND ONE SPARE VF CHANNEL REMAINS. THEREFORE, WE INTEND TO OFFER ONE VF CHANNEL TO THE GREEKS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT OVERRIDING US NEEDS COULD CONCEIVABLY REQUIRE PREEMPTION; (4) MT. PARNIS - NEA MAKRI: THERE ARE THREE SPARE VF CHANNELS ON THIS SYSTEM AND ACCORDING TO NAVCOMMSTA

NEA MAKRI, THERE ARE NO KNOWN ADDITIONAL US REQUIREMENTS.
ONE VF CHANNEL CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHOUT AN ADVERSE
IMPACT ON US USERS. THEREFORE, WE INTEND TO MAKE THIS
OFFER.

6. COMMENT: DCA-EUROPE HAS A FREEZE ON CHANNELIZATION
OF DCS CIRCUITS WITHIN GREECE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED. SPARE
CHANNELS WILL REMAIN SO UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE
GREEKS RECOGNIZE THAT EXTENSION OF ALL CIRCUITS FROM
DESIGNATED DCS INTERFACE POINTS WILL BE AT THEIR EXPENSE.
END COMMENT

7. UNLESS WE HEAR OTHERWISE PRIOR TO OOB 7 OCTOBER,
WE INTEND TO MAKE OFFERS OUTLINED ABOVE TO GREEK SIDE AT
MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 7 OCTOBER.
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